

April 22, 1987

LB 270
LR 82-88

themselves in South Omaha, so this strictly is not for the rural area, although when I travel throughout the state, and I do that two or three times during the year, I see so many of these towns and I mentioned it to some of the rural senators that I don't mind so much when the hardware store closes, but when I walk down the street and can't find a beauty shop, then I really get upset, but that is what is happening. They are becoming ghost towns and including my area in South Omaha and part of that is Senator Hall's, but we would like to see some businesses open where the stockyard pens used to be and we have a pretty good idea that there will be some opening up there soon, but we do have packing plants that are closed and hoping that someone will start some type of business into one of these buildings that are now vacant. So it isn't strictly for the rural areas, it is for the cities also and I think it is equally important that we advance today LB 270 and LB 775. I will be supporting both and as Senator Warner says, it may be okay this year, but in a couple of years we may be sorry that we started LB 270 and possibly 775, but I say what we've had before hasn't worked, we don't have the jobs, we don't have enough businesses. In Omaha Elanco moved out and I had two calls yesterday, people that worked at Duncan Hines which is closing in Omaha leaving several people, I don't recall how many, out of jobs, Elanco also. These people are looking for jobs even though they are given severance pay, they want a job. They will be looking for jobs and hopefully small business will be opening up in the Omaha area and as well as the rural area. It is very important to both of us, so let's work together for the State of Nebraska, not just for the rural area and not just for the cities. I think it is going to help both. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Before recognizing Senator Schmit, I'm pleased to announce that Senator Rupp has 26 fourth graders and their sponsor in the north balcony as guests. They are from Williams School in Columbus. Will you folks please stand and be recognized by the Legislature. And while the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and I do sign LR 88, LR 87, LR 86, LR 85, LR 84 and LR 83 followed by LR 82. Additional discussion on the advancement of the bill, Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I'm sorry I was not here this morning and missed most of the debate on LB 270. I agree with what Senator Chizek is trying to do and others who support the bill, but I couldn't help but think when Senator Labedz was calling, for many years I did not know there was